



**CITY OF GREENSBORO
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**CITY COUNCIL NAMES DEPUTY TO BE NEW CITY MANAGER
Deputy City Manager Mitchell Johnson Has Been Tapped to Replace Ed Kitchen**

GREENSBORO, NC (October 6, 2005) – Following the Council Meeting on October 4, 2005, City Council met in executive session to finalize their decision to offer the top job in Greensboro City government to interim City Manager Mitchell Johnson. Johnson was contacted immediately afterwards and accepted the position, which will go into effect upon Council vote at their next official meeting, on October 18.

The decision came after a national search conducted by an executive recruiting firm. Johnson, who has been Deputy City Manager since 2003, began his career with the City of Greensboro in 1984, moving up through the ranks of General Services and Technology/MIS. With a B.S. in Physics from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, he used his training to manage major construction projects and technological issues involving all aspects of City government. He quickly moved into the position of Director of General Services and then a combined Department of General Services and Information Systems prior to being selected as Assistant City Manager in 2000 under Ed Kitchen. He has rounded out his knowledge base through participation in a number of municipal administration courses at the School of Government in Chapel Hill.

Johnson has combined his leadership abilities with his extensive experience in many facets of local government to build a valuable repertoire of skills for leading the city into the next century, a fact recognized by Mayor Pro Tem Yvonne Johnson when she commented: "With this selection I know that Greensboro will continue to be on the move shooting towards excellence in the 21st century." Johnson was recently featured in a national magazine as one of a new breed of managers who uses information systems skills as a foundation for a new style of leadership.

Johnson has been active in leading the joint City/County Combined Charities campaign and in Leadership Greensboro and is a member of the International City/County Managers Association, the North Carolina City/County Managers Association, Public Technology Incorporated, the American

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Society for Public Administration, and a variety of other professional associations. Johnson is married and has three children at home.

Mayor Keith Holliday states, "After a nationwide search, the Council is thrilled to find that the best candidate is right here in Greensboro. Mitch's experience, expertise and technology skills make him perfectly suited to lead the City organization forward. In working with him as Interim City Manager over the past few months, Council has consistently been impressed with his knowledge, managerial skills and abilities and we look forward to working together with him to build a stronger Greensboro."

Johnson, who will earn a salary of \$170,000, indicated that he is "truly excited about the opportunity to work with City Council in achieving their vision for the community."

The City of Greensboro works in partnership with the community to increase the quality of life for all residents by fostering an environment of inclusion, diversity, and trust. As the seventh largest employer in Greensboro, the City has a dedicated professional staff of 2700 employees who maintain four core values of honesty, integrity, stewardship, and respect. The City is governed by a council-manager form of government with a mayor and eight council members. For more information on the City of Greensboro, please visit us online at www.greensboro-nc.gov.

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